

OTAGO **TEA-PACKING EMPLOYEES (FEMALE)**.—AWARD

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and its amendments; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Otago and Southland Manufacturing Chemists, Preserved Foods, Jam, and Starch Factories' Employees' Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") and the undermentioned companies (hereinafter called "the employers") :—

Bell Tea Co., Ltd., 15 Hope Street, Dunedin.

Ratray, J., and Sons, Ltd., 17 Crawford Street, Dunedin.

THE Court of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called "the Court"), having taken into consideration the matter of the above-mentioned dispute, and having heard the union by its representatives duly appointed, and having also heard such of the employers as were represented either in person or by their representatives duly appointed, and having also heard the witnesses called and examined and cross-examined by and on behalf of the said parties respectively, doth hereby order and award :—

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers and each and every of them, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employers and upon each and every of them, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and the employers and each and every of them shall respectively do,

observe, and perform every matter and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto shall constitute a breach of this award, and that a penalty as by law provided shall be payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect on the 26th day of April, 1948, and shall continue in force until the 26th day of April, 1949, and thereafter as provided by subsection (1) (d) of section 89 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 22nd day of April, 1948.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

SCHEDULE

Industry to which Award applies

1. This award shall apply to females wholly or substantially employed in connection with the packing of tea.

Hours of Work

2. The hours of work shall not exceed forty per week, eight hours to be worked on each of the five days, Monday to Friday inclusive, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Overtime

3. All time worked in any one day outside or in excess of the hours prescribed in clause 2 hereof shall be overtime and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours and double time thereafter. Workers required to work overtime shall be allowed a meal allowance of 2s. The minimum rate for overtime shall be 1s. 9d. per hour.

Holidays

4. (a) The following shall be observed without deduction of pay: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, the day following New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Anzac Day, the birthday of the reigning Sovereign, and Anniversary Day or a day in lieu thereof.

(b) For any work done on any of the above-mentioned days, double time rates shall be paid.

(c) Should any of the foregoing holidays, except Anzac Day, fall on a Saturday or a Sunday, then such holiday shall be observed on the next succeeding working-day.

(d) Annual holidays shall be allowed in accordance with the provisions of the Annual Holidays Act, 1944.

Wages

5. The minimum weekly rates of wages shall be as follows:—

Age commencing Employment.	First Six Months.	Second Six Months.	Third Six Months.	Fourth Six Months.	Fifth Six Months.	Sixth Six Months.	Seventh Six Months.	Eighth Six Months.
Under 16	27/6	32/6	37/6	42/6	48/6	54/6	60/6	67/6
16 to 17	30/-	35/-	40/-	46/-	52/-	58/-	66/-	..
17 to 18	35/-	40/-	45/6	51/6	57/6	64/6	..	..
18 to 19	39/-	44/-	49/6	55/6	63/-	..	..	..
19 to 20	43/-	48/6	54/-	61/6	..	..	..	..
20 to 21	47/6	53/-	..	..	..	..	..	..

Thereafter, or on attaining the age of twenty-one years, not less than £4 0s. 9d.

General Conditions

6. (a) The employer shall supply suitable dining and lavatory accommodation, together with facilities for changing clothes, and, where practicable, hot water for washing hands. A suitably furnished rest-room shall be provided for females.

(b) Ten minutes rest period shall be allowed morning and afternoon.

Terms of Employment

7. (a) The employer shall be entitled to make a rateable deduction from the wages of any worker for time lost through sickness or default or through accident not arising out of or in the course of the employment.

(b) Not less than one week's notice of the termination of employment shall be given by either side; but nothing in this clause shall prevent an employer from summarily dismissing any worker for wilful misconduct.

Right of Entry

8. The secretary or other authorized officer of the union of workers shall, with the consent of the employer (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), be entitled to

enter at all reasonable times upon the premises or works and there interview any workers, but not so as to interfere unreasonably with the employer's business.

Matters not provided for

9. Any dispute in connection with any matter not provided for in this award shall be settled between the particular employer concerned and the president or secretary of the union, and in default of any agreement being arrived at, then such dispute shall be referred to the local Inspector of Awards, who may either decide the same or refer the matter to the Court. Either party, if dissatisfied with the decision of the Inspector, may appeal to the Court upon giving written notice of such appeal to the other party within fourteen days after such decision shall have been communicated to the party desiring to appeal.

Workers to be Members of Union

10. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of section 18 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, it shall not be lawful for any employer bound by this award to employ or to continue to employ in any position or employment subject to this award any adult person who is not for the time being a member of an industrial union of workers bound by this award.

(b) For the purposes of subclause (a) of this clause a person of the age of eighteen years or upwards, and every other person who for the time being is in receipt of not less than the minimum rate of wages prescribed by this award for workers of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, shall be deemed to be an adult.

(c) Every person who, being obliged to become a member of any union by the operation of the foregoing provisions, fails to become a member of that union when requested so to do by his employer or any officer or representative of the union commits a breach of this award, and shall be liable accordingly.

(NOTE.—Attention is drawn to subsection (4) of section 18 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, which gives to workers the right to join the union.)

Under-rate Workers

11. (a) Any worker who considers herself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this award may be paid such lower wage as may from time to time be fixed, on the

application of the worker after due notice to the union, by the local Inspector of Awards or such other person as the Court may from time to time appoint for that purpose; and such Inspector or other person in so fixing such wage shall have regard to the worker's capability, her past earnings, and such other circumstances as such Inspector or other person shall think fit to consider after hearing such evidence and argument as the union and such worker shall offer.

(b) Such permit shall be for such period, not exceeding six months, as such Inspector or other person shall determine, and after the expiration of such period shall continue in force until fourteen days' notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring her to have her wage again fixed in manner prescribed by this clause: Provided that in the case of any person whose wage is so fixed by reason of old age or permanent disability it may be fixed for such longer period as such Inspector or other person shall think fit.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be competent for a worker to agree in writing with the president or secretary of the union upon such wage without having the same so fixed.

(d) It shall be the duty of the union to give notice to the Inspector of Awards of every agreement made with a worker pursuant hereto.

(e) It shall be the duty of an employer, before employing a worker at such lower wage, to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

Application of Award

12. This award shall apply to the original parties named herein, and shall extend to and bind as subsequent party hereto every trade-union, industrial union, industrial association, or employer who, not being an original party hereto, is, when this award comes into force or at any time whilst this award is in force, connected with or engaged in the industry to which this award applies within that part of the industrial district to which this award relates.

Scope of Award

13. This award shall operate throughout that portion of the Otago and Southland Industrial District formerly known as the Provincial District of Otago.

Term of Award

14. This award shall come into force on the 26th day of April, 1948, and shall continue in force until the 26th day of April, 1949.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 22nd day of April, 1948.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

MEMORANDUM

The award embodies the terms of settlement arrived at either by the assessors in Conciliation Council or by the representatives of the parties.

The rates of remuneration prescribed in this award are *not* to be increased by the application of the provisions of the Court's general orders of 9th August, 1940, and 31st March, 1942.

A. TYNDALL, Judge.